WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An endoscopic device configured to be loaded into a channel of an endoscope prior to insertion of the endoscope into a body, comprising:

   an elongate member for insertion into the channel of the endoscope, wherein a length of the elongate member is greater than a length of the channel of the endoscope; and

   a distal assembly connected to a distal portion of the elongate member and operable to perform an endoscopic operation, wherein the distal assembly has an open configuration and a closed configuration with a profile larger than a diameter of the channel of the endoscope, and wherein the distal assembly is adapted to be exterior to the channel when the endoscope is inserted into the body.

2. The endoscopic device of claim 1, wherein the elongate member is operable to activate the distal assembly.

3. The endoscopic device of claim 1, wherein the elongate member has a stop configured to limit movement of the elongate member.

4. The endoscopic device of claim 1, further comprising a proximal handle connected to a proximal end of the elongate member, wherein the proximal handle is operable to activate the distal assembly.

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5. The endoscopic device of claim 4, wherein the proximal handle includes a casing, a slide slidably disposed in the casing and housing a proximal portion of the elongate member, and a cap connected to the proximal end of the elongate member.

6. The endoscopic device of claim 5, wherein the slide has a knob slidably disposed in a groove of the casing, and wherein the knob is operable to move the slide to activate the distal assembly.

7. The endoscopic device of claim 1, further comprising an attachment cup configured to secure the distal assembly to a distal end of the endoscope.

8. The endoscopic device of claim 1, wherein an activation shaft is operable to rotate the distal assembly.

9. The endoscopic device of claim 9, wherein a distal end of the activation shaft is bent.

10. The endoscopic device of claim 1, wherein the distal assembly is configured to obtain and store multiple tissue samples.

11. The endoscopic device of claim 1, wherein the distal assembly further comprises a needle on the distal end of the elongate member and a hub on a proximal end of the elongate member, and wherein the hub and needle are operable to administer an injection.

12. The endoscopic device of claim 1, wherein the distal end of the elongate member includes a needle point.

13. The endoscopic device of claim 1, wherein the elongate member includes a lumen, and further comprising a medical device inserted into the lumen.

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14. The endoscopic device of claim 1, further comprising jaw members operable to open and close.

15. The endoscopic device of claim 14, wherein the jaw members are attached to a ring and the ring is attached to the elongate member.

16. The endoscopic device of claim 14, wherein the jaw members are normally open.

17. The endoscopic device of claim 1, further comprising activation means for activating the distal assembly.

18. The endoscopic device of claim 1, wherein the distal assembly includes a forceps device.

19. The endoscopic device of claim 18, the forceps device comprising:

a ring connected to the distal portion of the elongate member;

a tube housing the ring and the distal portion of the elongate member; and

jaw members attached to the ring that are operable to open and close, wherein the profile of the closed jaw members is smaller than a diameter of the tube.

20. The endoscopic device of claim 19, further comprising a spring housed within the tube.

21. The endoscopic device of claim 20, wherein the spring exerts a force to open the jaw members.

22. A medical device, comprising:

an endoscope with a channel having a length;

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an elongate member for insertion into the channel, and having a length greater than the length of the channel; and

a distal assembly connected to a distal portion of the elongate member and operable to perform an endoscopic operation, wherein the distal assembly has an open configuration and a closed configuration with a profile larger than a diameter of the channel of the endoscope, and wherein the distal assembly is adapted to be exterior to the channel when the endoscope is inserted into the body.

23. The medical device of claim 22, wherein the elongate member is operable to activate the distal assembly.

24. The medical device of claim 22, wherein the elongate member has a stop configured to limit movement of the elongate member.

25. The medical device of claim 22, further comprising a proximal handle connected to a proximal end of the elongate member and operable to activate the distal assembly.

26. The medical device of claim 25, further comprising an extension for connecting the proximal handle to the endoscope.

27. The medical device of claim 25, wherein the proximal handle includes a casing, a slide slidably disposed in the casing and housing a proximal portion of the elongate member, and a cap securing the proximal end of the elongate member.

28. The medical device of claim 27, wherein a distal end of the slide abuts the endoscope, a distal end of the endoscope abuts the distal assembly, and wherein the slide is operable to activate the distal assembly.

29. The medical device of claim 28, wherein the slide has a knob slidably disposed in a groove of the casing, and wherein the knob is operable to move the slide to activate the distal assembly.

30. The medical device of claim 22, further comprising an attachment cup configured to secure the distal assembly to a distal end of the endoscope.

31. The medical device of claim 22, wherein the endoscope has a sidearm.

32. The medical device of claim 22, wherein an activation shaft is operable to rotate the distal assembly.

33. The medical device of claim 32, wherein a distal end of the activation shaft is bent.

34. The medical device of claim 22, wherein the distal assembly is operable to obtain and store multiple tissue samples.

35. The medical device of claim 22, wherein the distal assembly further comprises a needle on the distal end of the elongate member and a hub on a proximal end of the elongate member, and wherein the hub and needle are operable to administer an injection.

36. The medical device of claim 22, wherein the distal end of the elongate member includes a needle point.

37. The medical device of claim 22, wherein the elongate member includes a lumen, and further comprising a medical instrument inserted into the lumen.

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38. The medical device of claim 22, wherein the distal assembly includes a forceps device.

39. The medical device of claim 38, the forceps device comprising:

a ring connected to the distal portion of the elongate member;

a tube housing the ring and the distal portion of the elongate member;

jaw members attached to the ring that are operable to open and close, wherein the profile of the closed jaw members is smaller than a diameter of the tube.

40. A method of performing an operative procedure with an endoscopic device having a distal assembly, comprising:

loading the endoscopic device into the channel of an the endoscope;

inserting the endoscope and the endoscopic device into a body while the distal assembly is exterior the channel and is in a closed configuration with a profile larger than a diameter of the channel of the endoscope;

positioning the distal assembly proximate an operative site; and

activating the distal assembly to perform the operative procedure by opening and closing the distal assembly.

41. The method of claim 40, further comprising removing the endoscope and the endoscopic device from the body, while the distal assembly is exterior to the channel.

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42. The method of claim 40, wherein activating the distal assembly includes moving the an elongate member connected to the distal assembly relative to the endoscope, the elongate member passing through the channel and having a length greater than a length of the channel.

43. The method of claim 40, wherein activating the distal assembly includes activating a proximal handle of the endoscopic device.

44. The method of claim 43, wherein activating the proximal handle causes an elongate member to move proximally relative to the endoscope.

45. The method of claim 44, wherein the distal end of the endoscope contacts a tube of the distal assembly, wherein the elongate member moves proximally relative to the tube.

46. The method of claim 45, wherein the distal assembly includes jaw members, and movement of the elongate member proximally relative to the tube causes the jaw members to close.

47. The method of claim 43, further comprising removing the proximal handle from an elongate member of the endoscopic device before loading the endoscopic device into the channel.

48. The method of claim 43, further comprising attaching the proximal handle to an elongate member of the endoscopic device after the endoscopic device is loaded in the channel.

49. The method of claim 40, wherein the operative procedure includes obtaining at least one tissue sample.

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50. The method of claim 49, further comprising storing the at least one tissue sample in the distal assembly.

51. The method of claim 40, wherein the distal assembly includes a forceps device.

52. The method of claim 51, wherein the forceps device includes a jaw assembly that is attached to a proximal handle by an elongate member that passes through the channel.

53. The method of claim 52, further comprising opening and closing the jaw assembly by activating the proximal handle.

54. The method of claim 53, wherein activating the proximal handle causes an elongate member to move proximally relative to the endoscope.

55. The method of claim 54, wherein the distal end of the endoscope contacts a tube of the forceps device, wherein the elongate member moves proximally relative to the tube.

56. The method of claim 55, wherein the forceps device includes jaw members, and movement of the elongate member proximally relative to the tube causes the jaw members to close.

57. The method of claim 40, further comprising guiding the endoscope and the endoscopic device to the operative site with a guide.

58. The method of claim 40, further comprising loading a medical device through an elongate member of the endoscopic device, wherein the elongate member has a length greater than a length of the channel of the endoscope.

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59. The method of claim 40, wherein loading the endoscope further comprises inserting a proximal end of an elongate member into a distal end of the channel of the endoscope, wherein a distal end of the elongate member is connected to the distal assembly, and wherein a length of the elongate member is greater than a length of the channel.

60. The method of claim 40, wherein activating the distal assembly includes rotating an activation shaft.

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